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SUBJ: INVITATION TO SENATOR JAVITS TO ATTEND MEETING IN BOGOTA

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1. THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW DEMOCRACY IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH AND FINANCED BY THE FRIEDRICH NAUMANN FOUNDATION IN THE FRG, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION LINKED IDEOLOGICALLY TO THE GERMAN LIBERAL PARTY (FDP). NEW DEMOCRACY IS DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW DEMOCRATIC ORDER LOOSELY DEFINED AS "PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY". THE FOUNDATION ENGAGES IN POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSES OF COLOMBIAN AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND ORGANIZES A CONTINUING PROGRAM OF SEMINARS, DISCUSSION GROUPS AND COURSES DEALING WITH THE FOLLOWING KINDS OF TOPICS: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION IN LATIN AMERICA, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ASPECTS OF NATIONAL POLITICS. THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW DEMOCRACY ALSO OPERATES IN PERU, BRAZIL AND MEXICO.

2. THE IDEOLOGICAL BIAS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW DEMOCRACY IS LIBERAL WITH AN EMPHASIS ON THE MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DECISIONS WHICH AFFECT HIM. THE FOUNDATION ATTEMPTS TO INCLUDE

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AS WIDE A CROSS SECTION OF COLOMBIAN SOCIETY AS POSSIBLE IN

ITS VARIOUS PROGRAMS. MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE FOUNDATION ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIBERAL PARTY IN COLOMBIA.

3. OTHER FACETS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW DEMOCRACY'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A CENTER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES DEDICATED TO THE TRAINING OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS AND A YOUTH GROUP COMPOSED OF YOUNG PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS IN EIGHT COLOMBIAN CITIES.

4. TWO OF THE SIGNERS OF THE LETTER OF INVITATION ARE KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY. BOTH SENATOR DIEGO URIBE VARGAS AND SENATOR JAIME POSADA ARE LIBERAL SENATORS FROM CUNDINAMARCA. THEY ARE BOTH RESPECTED MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY HIERARCHY. SENATOR URIBE VARGAS WHILE NOT OPENLY ANTI-US IS VERY PRO-FRENCH AND OCCASIONALLY ADOPTS POSITIONS OPPOSED TO THAT OF THE US. HE FAVORS A 200 MILE LIMIT ON THE PACIFIC COAST OF COLOMBIA. SENATOR POSADA IS FRIENDLY TO THE US AND HAS FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

5. THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PAPERS WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING:

A) "THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS OF MOSCOW (1972) AND WASHINGTON (1973) SIGNED BY THE USA AND THE USSR: THEIR EFFECTS ON THE WORLD COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT."

B) "THE OSTPOLITIK OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND ITS PROJECTION TO THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY TO LATIN AMERICA."

C) "THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CHANGES IN THE RELATIONS OF WORLD POLICY."

D) "LATIN AMERICA AND THE NEW WORLD POLICY: THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICAN COORDINATION (CECLA)."

E) "NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR THE PREPARATION OF A WORLD PLAN FOR THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD AND LATIN AMERICA."

F) "THE MULTINATIONAL COOPERATION AND THEIR RELATIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIALIST COUNTRIES AND THE THIRD WORLD."

6. COMMENT: THE FOUNDATION FOR NEW DEMOCRACY APPEARS TO BE INVOLVED IN A SERIOUS AND WELL-CONCEIVED EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH CRITICAL AND OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF COLOMBIAN AND REGIONAL PROBLEMS AND THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AMONG A LARGE BODY OF EXPERTS, SCHOLARS AND POLITICIANS.

7. THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR DEC 5-8 APPEARS TO BE A WELL-PLANNED AND RESPONSIBLE EFFORT TO BRING TOGETHER VARIOUS NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO ANALYZE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY LATIN AMERICA, IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE US. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES IN LATIN AMERICA, THE US, EUROPE AND JAPAN ENGAGED IN FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

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